



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject of possible rule making: Amending commercial fishery and fish ticket rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.045 and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Revisions to commercial fishery, and fish and shellfish receiving ticket rules are needed to improve the intent and enforceability of rules that define, describe or authorize delivery of fish or shellfish to shore based facilities or dealers, and processing or freezing of catch onboard vessels at-sea.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The National Marine Fisheries regulates certain commercial fisheries in federal waters. Rule coordination is accomplished through Pacific Fishery Management Council processes, and the Columbia River Compact. Also, Washington, Oregon and California coordinate coastal Dungeness crab management through the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee which is facilitated under the umbrella of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. The department will coordinate with these groups as needed.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☒ Agency study
- ☐ Other (describe)

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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